

December 10-17, 2017

This Week

Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent, Cantata

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, *Room 105*
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour, *Fellowship Hall*
- 8:45-9:45 Sunday School for All
- 8:30-9:30 Advent Study, "Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," *Fireside Rm*
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
- 11:45 a.m. Disciple IV, *Room 25*
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (led by Pastor Kathy) *Room 25*
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF (led by Pastor Kathy), *Youth Room*

Monday, December 11

*Belzoni Trip December 11-15
(Leaves at 6:00 a.m. December 11)*

- 3:00 p.m. Timothy McCollum Funeral, *Sanctuary*
- 6:30 p.m. Missions Meeting, *Upper Room*

Tuesday, December 12

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Office Conference Room*
- 5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, *Room 25*
- 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting, *Fireside Room/Class*
- No Membership Meeting

Wednesday, December 13

Newsletter Mailing

- 6:30 p.m. Caroling (*meet at FUMC*)
- No Bells or Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, December 14

- 8:00 a.m. Bible Study, *Pies & More*
- 9:15 a.m. Ruth Circle
- 9:30 a.m. Sarah Circle, *Carol Tinkey's Home*
- 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle, *Upper Room*
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts Pack 9, *Fireside Room/Classroom*
- 7:00 p.m. New Beginnings Meeting, *Sanctuary*

Friday, December 15

- 2:00-7:00 Nativity Open House

Saturday, December 16

- 10:00-1:00 Nativity Open House
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service, *WAYSide Chapel*

Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, *Room 105*
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour, *Fellowship Hall*
- 8:30-9:45 ASP Cookie Walk, *Fellowship Hall*
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Additional Poinsettias/CWS Blankets

Please note the following purchases of Poinsettias and/or Church World Service (CWS) Blankets since last week's listing:

D. Kendall & Darlene Petersen – 1 Poinsettia

In memory of our parents Elmer & Leitha Jensen and Don & Amy Petersen

Dennis, Julie, Lucas & Claire Reidel – 8 Blankets

To the Glory of God

Wally & Judy Reidel – 1 Blanket

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Jane Stalheim – 1 Poinsettia

In memory of Lavonne Olesen

Lloyd & Carol Tinkey – 5 Blankets

In memory of our parents

Church World Service Blankets may still be purchased by completing a form at the church office.

Advent

We have two gifts available to deepen your spiritual life during Advent. One is provided by the Worship Committee, a new edition of the Advent devotion book we have used before. The second is a book of devotions from the Society of St. Andrew, intended to help us focus on the needy during this time. Please pick one up as you leave, one of each per family. We also have bank boxes for you to take home to save a donation for Society of St. Andrew.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Cookie Walk Sunday, December 17



Come and purchase some delicious cookies for your holiday and help ASP at the same time! The Cookie Walk will be in

Fellowship Hall from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 17, and then in the Narthex after church.

Anyone wishing to donate cookies and/or bars, please notify the church office or sign up after church on Sunday, December 10.

Babyland Attendant Needed

This paid position is responsible to supervise the care given to infants and children placed in Babyland on Sunday mornings (8:30-11:30 a.m.) and other special events as needed. This must be an adult (at least age 18) who enjoys and loves children and can furnish some experience and references in childcare. The individual must adhere to the child and youth protection policy of the First United Methodist Church, which includes signing a release form for a background check and drug screen. For additional information, contact the church office or submit a résumé to the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC).

Keeping in our thoughts and prayers...

Prayers for our church members who are dealing with an illness or medical issue for themselves or a loved one, those dealing with the loss of a loved one, those who are caring for a loved one, those who are dealing with issues for their self or family members and those who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. They could use our prayers today. **Prayer Chain – Please submit prayer requests to Anne Wallace at 641-424-9255.**

Continued Prayers & Cards

Ernie Bills, Donna Cline

Updated Phone

Delores & Allen Lathrop's phone number is 641-530-4017. They no longer have a landline. Please update your directory.

Ernie Bills Update

Ernie was moved to a rehab specialty hospital in Des Moines that is affiliated with University of Iowa Hospitals. He will continue to receive acute care and both occupational and physical therapy. Jean is staying with their son Mark and his wife Christy in Adel. Cards for Ernie may be sent to their son's home at:

Mark Bills

Attn: Ernie Bills

913 Grove St

Adel, IA 50003

Ernie so enjoys hearing from his church family. Prayers for his healing are greatly appreciated.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day this week!

Congratulations to the following couple celebrating an anniversary this week:

Dec 13 – **Ken & Deb Jorgensen**

Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of **Timothy Martin McCollum**, who passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the age of 64. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Kathleen R. Moore officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to service on Monday.

Radio Supporters Making a Difference

RADIO MINISTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

11:00 a.m. delayed broadcast on KCMR, 97.9 FM

December 10, 2017 – In memory of Ted.

– *Gaye Kehm*

The radio calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office, or you may call the office at 423-4905 and request to sponsor a special day. The cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!

Available Dates:

12/17, 12/31

Upcoming Dates

Dec 18 – 6:00 p.m. Staff/SPRC Christmas Party
No Council Meeting

Dec 21 – Scouts Party, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Dec 24 – Regular Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m. (Spontaneous Choir)

Candlelight Service, 9:00 p.m.

No Disciple IV/Confirmation/UMYF

Dec 25–26 – Church Closed

Dec 28 – New Beginnings Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Jan 1-2 – Church Closed (Finance Mtg. moved to Jan. 9 in Office Conference Room)

Jan 9-23 – Pastor Kathy Out of Office

Jan 11 – New Beginnings Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Jan 13 – Scouts Pinewood Derby, 8:00-Noon, Fellowship Hall

Jan 19 – Newsletter Deadline (by noon)

Jan 25 – Newsletter Mailing



Wednesday, December 13

6:30 p.m., Meet at FUMC

Come caroling with us and spread some Christmas cheer! We will gather at the church and then go to the Good Shepherd. All are welcome!

Nativity Open House

Friday, Dec. 15, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come and view Pastor Kathy's Nativity collection! Many of her beautiful pieces will be displayed throughout Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Bring a friend!



Salvation Army Bell Ringers



Thank you to all who rang bells on Thursday, December 7. Our remaining date is **Thursday, December 14, at Hy-Vee West (pharmacy door).**

Visual Techs Needed

We need more volunteers to work on visuals for Sunday services. We currently only have two people handling the visuals, and we need others to step up and assist with this duty. We have this wonderful system to allow pictures, verses and lyrics to be on the large screens, but it does not run by itself. Please consider helping! This is a wonderful opportunity to help our worship services run smoothly. Contact the church office or Jerry Braughton if interested.

Mason City Ecumenical FREE Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 25

The 2017 Mason City Ecumenical Community Christmas Dinner will take place on Christmas Day, serving 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., hosted by Rolling Acres Christian Reformed Church at 340 20th St SW in Mason City. Donations may be provided by way of check, grocery gift card or donation of an institutional-sized can of green beans. Donations may be sent to Vi Bonnema at 2319 25th St SW, Mason City, or by calling Vi at 641-420-8443. Volunteers are needed for a range of positions. To help please call Ilene at 641-420-9766. Thank you!